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Canada: amendment to article 7 of the revised draft Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

Article 7

Paragraph 1

1. In the *chapeau* of paragraph 1, Canada proposes to replace the words "Law enforcement authorities" with "Law enforcement, immigration or other relevant officials".

2. The rationale is to expand the scope of information exchange beyond law enforcement agencies alone. There are many agencies other than law enforcement agencies, such as immigration and customs agencies, that collect data that could be helpful in combating trafficking in persons. The new language would be consistent with the language that appears in article 7, paragraph 2, and the approach adopted in article 19, "Law enforcement cooperation", of the draft United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.

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